

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2009

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY (LG&E) DEVELOP OTHER MEANS AND METHODS OF COMMUNICATION WITH METRO LOUISVILLE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY DURING EMERGENCY SITUATIONS SUCH AS POWER OUTAGES.

Sponsored By: Councilman Dan Johnson

WHEREAS, people can quickly find themselves without heat or electricity and in life-threatening situations, as was the case during the recent snow and ice storms beginning January 27, 2009, that affected large parts of the State of Kentucky, including Jefferson County, and caused many Metro residents and businesses to suffer power outages; and

WHEREAS, people and businesses rely on the utility provider for information as to when they may expect utilities to be restored in such situations; and

WHEREAS, many people and businesses have a difficult time planning for their safety and well-being when they are not given reasonably realistic dates and times for the resumption of their utility services; and

WHEREAS, many people find themselves in a communication vacuum when they are without electrical power and telephone, television, radio, and Internet access to inform them of the status of emergency conditions.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: That local utilities be, and are hereby requested and encouraged to develop better means and methods of communication with Metro residents that will ensure, as nearly accurate as possible, projections to families and businesses regarding resumption of their utility services; provide timely information through alternative methods to residents and businesses that are without electrical services; and provide information on the utility website showing locations of major outages and projections as to when utilities will likely be restored to affected areas.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

David W. Tandy
President of the Council

Jerry E. Abramson
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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